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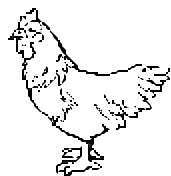
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was at least steady, mostly steady. Demand into all areas covered the full range, best for retail ads and fast food promotions with increased interest expected for holiday needs. Supplies were irregular, but overall available to satisfy needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Tenders were well cleared, and availability for the remaining items was mixed, but at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/26/02-08/31/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		WTD AVG			
Bos/New Eng	49.00-50.00	50.00	11	53.22	28
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.93	44	50.06	85
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.73	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.67	9
Denver	68.50	68.49	17	67.43	21
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.29	14	52.26	46
Los Angeles	69.00	66.36	68	64.66	139
New York	46.00-49.00	48.27	22	50.72	47
Philadelphia	46.00-48.00	47.45	11	48.24	23
Pittsburgh	46.00-49.00	47.91	11	55.61	58
St. Louis	47.00-47.50	46.99	20	48.94	43
San Francisco	69.50	68.32	30	69.72	54

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/26/02	Change/Last Wk	08/19/02	08/27/01
573	56.31	0.76	55.55	61.46

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	51.50-54.00	53.41	34
Central	49.00-57.00	53.19	72
West	50.00-62.50	59.39	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-64.00	63.47	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,168	45.00-66.50	62.70

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50	1,283
BREASTS - B/S	158.00	4,913
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,163
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	790
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,507
WINGS	53.00	3,277

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was generally fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was light to fair, best into retail for ads and fast food where promoted. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate with hopes for improvements since the ban may be lifted, and possible upcoming first of the month and holiday business. Breast items were balanced to close for tenders, and wings were more available, but moving. Dark meat was adequate with interest expected to increase. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at generally unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were fully adequate. Buyers interest moderate at best with Labor Day needs basically covered. Demand by retailers good to cover the rapidly approaching holiday, best for parts to cover features. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 17.5-18.5 and 4/10s 19.25-20, bone in breast 87-92 and boneless 145-150, drumstick in the high 20s and boneless leg meat 55-57. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .55 to 53.05 with the volume reported up 7 percent to 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged, instances slightly higher in St. Louis from last Monday's final. Market tone on whole fryers was steady. Offerings were mixed. All channels noted demand as irregular, slow to fairly good. Most receivers anticipate increased movement by week's end for holiday. Floor stocks were in a full range, for the most part balanced. Weights desirable. Parts trading light to fair, best for leg quarters and tenders. Supplies were adequate with wings and tenders occasionally tight. Market tone was steady to fully steady on all items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Offerings were irregularly available, but at least adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights light to heavy, mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, tenders continued to clear well. Other items were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.869
NO. OF BOXES	9,173

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts were sufficient and boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were adequate and tenderloins were well cleared. Movement through retail channels was light and distributive draw was fair. The market tone was about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		148.55	689,320
TENDERLOINS	115-120		117.92	204,300
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82		87.30	138,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	81		83.86	131,800
LEGS	31-32		28.70	377,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		18.55	362,558
DRUMSTICKS	29-30		30.77	108,400
THIGHS	19-20		31.57	57,040
B/S THIGHS	60-61		58.39	88,380
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51		54.38	282,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.39	29,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20		20.44	17,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		48.77	21,340

NCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,678	135.00-179.00	140-145	142.96
TENDERLOINS	336	100.00-186.00	-	117.13
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,861	12.00-16.00	13-14	13.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,356	15.00-17.00	16-17	16.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	217	42.00-73.00	45-47	45.19
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,400	14.00-16.00	14-15	14.94

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/26	08/22	08/22	08/19	08/15
ALA	4,172	3,796	4.95	4005	5.03
ARK	5,468	5,338	4.89	5378	4.94
DELMARVA	2,359	2,375	5.04	2320	4.98
KY-LA-TN	1,958	2,008	4.44	2030	4.44
MISS	2,874	2,855	5.21	2779	5.17
NC	2,709	2,660	5.81	2570	5.90
TEXAS	2,465	2,484	4.85	2453	4.83
TOTAL	22,005	21,516	5.03	21535	5.05
MON	22,005(A)			21535(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Aug 2002 is estimated to be 32,922,000 up 1.88 percent from a week ago and up 5.03 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,315,000 last year 31,344,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	926	138.00-223.00	144-150	148.64
TENDERLOINS	94	120.00-190.00	125-130	145.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	84.00-87.00	84-85	84.37
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	348	14.00-17.00	14-15	14.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,417	16.00-25.50	18-20	18.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	53.00-57.00	54-55	54.20
WINGS (CUT)	497	63.00-77.00	63-64	67.60
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.53
THIGHS	28	34.00-44.00	-	36.86
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 26, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
41.25 - 46.50	41.46	42.61

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 26-AUG - 30-AUG 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 157.00	145.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	81.00 - 102.00	81.00 - 85.00
LEGS	23.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 19.00	16.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	16.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	46.00 - 65.00	48.00 - 51.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	113
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

23-AUG-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	774,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.92	13.65		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	10.00-15.00	1,361,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.82	12.56		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were about unchanged from a week earlier. Trading was fair but most buyers were unaggressive. Interest was at best moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Movement of finished products was adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 26-AUG-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.75	8-9.25	9.13

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

23-AUG-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-16.50	14.00	285,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.83	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-16.00	11.00-12.50	1,917,600	693,600
WTD AVERAGE	12.41	11.58		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for usually fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were clearing but still reported as sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		5-10.5	8-9	8.55
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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